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SUBJECT: CONVICTIONS IN 2005 KHAN AL KHALILI BOMBING CASE

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(U) On August 20, Egypt's Supreme State Security Court sentenced nine Egyptians for their alleged role in the April 7, 2005 suicide bombing in Cairo's Khan Al Khalili tourist bazaar, in which one American citizen and two French nationals were killed, and several others wounded, including three Americans (reflets). The court sentenced four of the defendants to life in prison, and jailed five for periods of between 1-10 years. Four other defendants were acquitted and released. The court delayed sentencing another (who recently underwent heart surgery, and is still in the hospital) until November 20. The defendants were charged with belonging to an illegal group, using force and violence to disturb public order and threaten the security of the state, and the possession of weapons intended for use in terrorist operations.

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